

## **WATER POLICY TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP**

**Meeting Summary**  
**October 24, 2002**  
**1:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

### **Attendance:**

#### House Members

Delegate Chris Saxman

#### Water Policy Technical Advisory Group Members:

Arthur Petrini, Henrico County, Samuel Hamilton, VA Agribusiness Council, Dan Kavanagh, VA Assoc. of Planning District Commissions, Tom Botkins, Mead Westvaco, Tom Roberts, Smurfit Stone, Kristen Lentz, Tidewater Region, Mike Thacker, American Electric Power, Wilmer Stoneman, VA Farm Bureau, Ronald Stirrat, USACE Wilmington NC, Shelton Miles, Jerry Higgins, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, VPI Water Authority, Terry Reid, VA Section AWWA, Will E. Cox, VA Tech., Charlie Crowder, Fairfax County Water Authority, Ward Staubitz, USGS, Robert Royall, VA Water Well, Michele Leslie, The Nature Conservancy, Stan Ballard, USACE, Patricia Jackson, James River Association, Frank Sanders, City of Winchester

#### DEQ Staff

B. Burnley, R. Weeks, K. Frahm, T. Wagner, E. Gilinsky, J. Hassell, A. Brockenbrough,

#### VDH Staff

R. Hicks, R. Taylor

#### DLS Staff

S. Bulbulkaya

#### DHCD Staff

Wyatt Little

### Summary:

D. Paylor opened the meeting by explaining background of this initiative and charge of this group. The mission of the Water Policy Technical Advisory Committee is:

*To identify the roles and responsibilities of state and local governments to assure groundwater and surface water resources are used in a sustainable way that protects the environmental resources and meets citizen water needs (agricultural, business and residential) now and in the future.*

M. Williams was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. T. Wagner provided the background and overview of the current drought status. T. Wagner also provided an overview of DEQ Water Programs, including the Virginia Protection Permit Program, the Groundwater Management Act and the Surface Water Management Act. He also reviewed the development of DEQ's Water Supply Plans in the mid 1980's. B. Burnley explained that the plans included an inventory of public water suppliers but did not include detailed information regarding demand projections or the location of potential supplies of water for future drinking water needs. R. Hicks provided an overview of VDH Drinking Water Programs.

The major portion of the meeting focussed on the identification of critical issues and potential solutions for water supply planning. This discussion highlighted several concepts to guide state water supply planning efforts:

- The state should foster creative partnerships to maximize limited resources
- Public water supply planning, development, and management is a local responsibility
- The state should coordinate water supply planning on a regional and statewide scale
- The state is responsible for the protection of water resources
- Water supply planning is a continuous process
- The sustainability of local water supplies needs to be better incorporated into the local planning process
- The state should support long term hydrologic data collection efforts
- Water reuse needs to be encouraged

D. Paylor closed the meeting by asking participants to begin to think concretely about what the water supply planning process should look like. The next meeting is anticipated to be held during the week of 11/11/02.